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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1636

Application No.: 09/446,024

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For: ENDOGENETIC RETROVIRAL SEQUENCES, ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES OR WITH PREGNANCY DISORDERS

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired April 26, 2001, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 119360 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment for:

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